

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bernard Wilson

**Date Submitted:** 05/19/2023 04:50 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0418

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a LACERS retiree with 30 years of City service, having retired in 2005 on a service pension. I am writing to urge The City Council to approve the proposed discretionary COLA to take effect 1 July 2023. Unprecedented increases in costs of food, utilities, medical and dental care, prescriptions, gasoline and consumables have eaten into the fixed incomes of retirees to an extent that the normal COLA will fall short of covering the difference. City employees worked hard and in many cases were asked to forego raises, being assured that their LACERS benefits would be generous enough to cover them in retirement. Now is the time for the City to go the extra mile to prove thaty. Thank you, Bernard J. Wilson

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Debora Barrios

**Date Submitted:** 05/19/2023 05:37 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0418

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to ask for the Board to adopt staff's recommendations regarding the discretionary COLA of 2.6%. Inflation has impacted me horrifically over the last couple of years. Gas, Food and Utilities alone have been impossible to keep up with and are eating away far beyond any increases we have received. My retirement allowance has not kept pace and inflation is likely to remain relatively high for a while, so it is highly unlikely our maximum 3.0% COLAs will help us catch up to inflation anytime soon. I am urging you to approve this for myself and the thousands of struggling retirees that are trying to keep up during these difficult times. Respectfully submitted, Debora Barrios

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Art Flores

**Date Submitted:** 05/19/2023 06:56 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0418

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm a retired city employee. Please approve 2.6 cola.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/19/2023 07:05 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please approve the 2.6% discretionary COLA. The maximum COLA is 3% which falls short of the inflation we are enduring. Basic needs such as utilities have drastically increased. My combined gas & electric was \$100 a year ago. Now it is \$500 a month. Grocery prices have at least doubled as well. I am not asking for this for luxuries but to provide my family with a comfortable daily life.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/19/2023 09:51 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0418

**Comments for Public Posting:** Cost of living is required for retirees. The price of absolutely everything has gone up so much. It's absolutely necessary to get the COLA.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Raymond Lau

**Date Submitted:** 05/17/2023 03:09 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0418

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello Honorable Councilmembers, In light of the limited City budget, I would still like to make a pleading request for a proposed 2.6% on top of 3 % COLA. This additional amount barely keeps up with all the price increases everywhere. For us retirees who devoted a large part of our lives to this fine City, it is only fair to pay-it-forward for all the hard work and sacrifices we've made to bring light to the City we called our second home/family. I wish all of you good health and good will towards us retirees. Thank you for your time and consideration. SSnS!! (Stay Safe n SANE-nitize!!) Sincerely yours, Raymond Lau, Retired LADOT

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/18/2023 11:44 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0418

**Comments for Public Posting:** 2.6% COLA raise for retirees

## Communication from Public

**Name:** George Yamanaka

**Date Submitted:** 05/19/2023 08:48 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please review the COLA Cap for City Employee Retirees. Inflation is 7% The COLA is capped at 3% we need an adjustment to the COLA to reflect the COL. Thank You for your consideration.

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**Name:** Jeanine Lee  
**Date Submitted:** 05/19/2023 10:15 AM  
**Council File No:** 23-0418  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Request for addtl 2.6% COLA raise.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Marylou Najera  
**Date Submitted:** 05/19/2023 10:44 AM  
**Council File No:** 23-0418  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please approve of the discretionary COLA for retired City of Los Angeles employees. It will go a long way towards helping us with intolerably high rates of inflation.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Eric Askew

**Date Submitted:** 05/19/2023 10:50 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am requesting that you vote for the 2% increase.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Aletha Metcalf  
**Date Submitted:** 05/19/2023 12:56 PM  
**Council File No:** 23-0418  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please approve any and all proposed COLA increases for us retirees! My Southern California Gas Company bill alone is \$1400 and that's after paying it down from \$1900! It is a nightmare. Gas for mt vehicle is much higher. Most notable on a continuous basis is FOOD PRICES and the overall cost of living. ??..Thank you to Mayor Karen Bass and the City Council..

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anna Flores

**Date Submitted:** 05/19/2023 01:51 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0418

**Comments for Public Posting:** The 2.6 will help many of us especially because the pandemic caused groceries and gas to go up.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** MERCEDES Campos

**Date Submitted:** 05/19/2023 02:16 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0418

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a retired employee, I am hoping that the City Council will approve our COLA raise. Times are more expensive and this raise would help with expenses.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Susan M Legarda

**Date Submitted:** 05/19/2023 02:21 PM

**Council File No:** 23-0418

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing this email in hopes the City Council will consider and approve the discretionary Cola 2.6% for Lacers. The last few years have been difficult due to inflation. I committed 35 1/2 years to the City of Los Angeles

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The cost of living in Los Angeles is 8% higher than California's state average and 51% higher than the National average and is eating up my fixed income. It is a struggle to live in Los Angeles with inflation at a 40-year high. Therefore, I strongly urge City Council to approve the 2.6% discretionary COLA.